



Linda S. Adams
Secretary for
Environmental Protection

Air Resources Board

Mary D. Nichols, Chairman
1001 I Street • P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, California 95812 • www.arb.ca.gov



Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

August 8, 2008

Public Workgroup Meeting to Discuss Regulation of Paint Thinner and Multi-purpose Solvent Consumer and Commercial Products

The California Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff invites you to join us on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. (PDT) for a public workgroup meeting to discuss development of proposed amendments to the consumer products regulation.

This public meeting is to discuss and evaluate technical issues surrounding potential Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emission reduction opportunities from Paint and Lacquer Thinners, Multi-purpose Solvents and so called "Packaged Solvents," (collectively referred to as Thinners and Solvents). We had originally proposed a three percent by weight VOC limit for Thinners and Solvents in the summer of 2007, however it was determined after staff evaluation that many technical issues remained that could not be resolved in the regulatory timeframe for a 2008 Board Hearing. Therefore, we are presenting this opportunity for all interested parties to discuss the technical issues with low VOC Thinners and Solvents in an open, public forum. This public input will be used for development of future regulations affecting Thinners and Solvents.

We plan to post meeting materials, such as an agenda and list of issues to discuss, to the website listed below prior to the workshop. Notification will be sent *via* the list serve when the materials are posted. The meeting will be held at:

Air Resources Board Monitoring and Laboratory Division
First Floor Conference Room
1927 13th Street
Sacramento, California

You may attend in person or participate *via* teleconference. The following information is needed to participate via teleconference:

Date and Time:	Tuesday, August 26 at 2:30 p.m. (PDT)
Call-in Time:	Between 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Toll Free Number:	(888) 399-8606 (U.S. callers)
Passcode:	CONSUMER PRODUCTS
Leader:	David Mallory

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

August 8, 2008
Page 2


Information on the ARB's Consumer Products Program can be found at the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/consprod.htm>. From this website, you can also sign up for the Consumer Products Program list serve, which will send you an email notice when any new information is posted. We will also post materials for the workshop at this same location.

If you have any questions about this letter or the regulatory development process, please contact Mr. David Mallory at (916) 445-8316, or by email at dmallory@arb.ca.gov.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document and other related material can be made available in Braille, large print, audiocassette or computer disk. For assistance, please contact ARB's Reasonable Accommodation/Disability Coordinator at (916)323-4916 by voice or through the California Relay Services at 711, to place your request for disability services, or go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm>.

If you are a person with limited English and would like to request interpreter services to be available at the meeting, please contact ARB's Bilingual Manager at (916) 323-7053, or go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm>

Sincerely,


Janette M. Brooks, Chief
Air Quality Measures Branch
Stationary Source Division

cc: David Mallory, Manager
Measures Development Section
Air Quality Measures Branch

Angel Melendez
Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator
Administrative Services Division

Lori Lopez
Bilingual Services Manager
Administrative Services Division